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by deleting Section 1 in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 24, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part.

Section _____. Acting in consultation with the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, the commissioner of health shall appoint an individual who shall serve as head of a volunteer community network to evaluate the needs of Native Americans and their families for effective alcohol and drug treatment in two (2) communities designated by the commissioner. In selecting those communities, the commissioner shall give priority to those locations which would provide accessibility to the greatest number of Native American families residing in Tennessee. In implementing this study program, to the maximum extent reasonably feasible, the commissioner shall strive to assure that Native Americans actually participate in the evaluation of needs and in the recommendations which are made for providing the designated services to Native Americans. As part of the evaluation, a study shall be made of funding sources, both governmental and private, which may be available for the provision of alcohol and drug services to Native Americans.

Section ____. Acting in consultation with the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, the commissioner of health shall quantify and evaluate the recommendations made as the result of the evaluation of needs. On or before

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January 1, 1996, the commissioner shall report findings and recommendations concerning the needs of Native Americans for the alcohol and drug services.

The report shall be submitted to the governor, to the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate and to the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives.

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